APR-27-06

Appl. No. 09/489,667

Art Unit 1656

## Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel claims 77-80 without prejudice.

## Listing of Claims

Claims 1-68 (Cancelled).

An agent for treating pain comprising a modified botulinum Claim 69 (Previously presented): neurotoxin comprising a botulinum neurotoxin H<sub>N</sub>, a botulinum neurotoxin L chain, and no functional H<sub>C</sub> domain the modified botulinum neurotoxin being covalently coupled to substance P so that the modified botulinum neurotoxin no longer binds to botulinum neurotoxin receptors at a neuromuscular junction with the same affinity as the native botulinum neurotoxin.

Claim 70 (Cancelled).

The agent of claim 69 wherein the botulinum neurotoxin is Claim 71 (Previously presented): a botulinum toxin selected from the group consisting of serotype A, serotype B, serotype C1, serotype D, serotype E, serotype F and serotype G.

The agent of claim 69 wherein the botulinum neurotoxin is Claim 72 (Previously presented): botulinum toxin serotype A.

The agent of claim 69 wherein the agent is a fusion protein. Claim 73 (Previously presented):

Claim 74 (Cancelled).

Claim 75 (Previously presented): The agent of claim 69, wherein the L chain is obtained from a botulinum toxin selected from the group consisting of botulinum toxin serotype A, serotype B, serotype C1, serotype D, serotype E, serotype F and serotype G.

APR-27-06 11:09AM FROM-StoutUxaBuyanMullins

+949-450-1764

T-630 P.004/005 F-543

Appl. No. 09/489,667

Art Unit 1656

Claim 76 (Previously presented): The agent of claim 69, wherein the  $H_N$  is obtained from a botulinum toxin selected from the group consisting of botulinum toxin serotype A, serotype B, serotype C<sub>1</sub>, serotype D, serotype E, serotype F and serotype G.

Claims 77-80 (Cancelled).